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TO: RA - Mr. Fessenden DATE: May 26, 1959
FROM: RA - Robert N. Magill *RM* PLACE: The Pentagon
SUBJECT: Coordinating Meeting of the U.S. Element Standing Group

1. Military Committee Trip. The Military Committee trip to Huntsville and Cape Canaveral went very well. The U.S. Element hopes that it will be possible for SGN staff officers to make similar trips and is investigating the possibility of having this funded under MAP.

2. MC 82/2. A paper has almost been completed for Hooper to present to the Working Group on Armaments Production as a counter to the Wheeler paper. The Hooper paper would strongly support MC 82/2.

3. Naval Steering Group. The Naval Steering Group is reportedly getting into policy matters. Admiral Boone is upset about this and wants to take some action to straighten out the situation.

4. Bizerte Infrastructure Project. Reference was made to the French request that the Bizerte project be retained for another six months beyond June 1 instead of cancelling the project as has been recommended under MC 32/15-Review of Infrastructure Slices 2 through 9. The question is what the U.S. position should be in the Standing Group. I said that I had seen some indication that General Norstad questioned the advisability of U.S. support of the French request in view of the current situation on the French Mediterranean Fleet. It was expected that the SGN would turn down the French request and refer the matter to NAC.

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5. Annual Review. The Joint Staff preparation of U.S. submission is progressing well and should meet the dead line of June 15. There are no real problems involved in force commitments ^{through} 1962. The Joint Staff is reserving its position on the question of U.S. short falls in 1963 until SACEUR's recommendation on 1964 goals have been received.

6. Live Oak Planning. ISA reported that the JCS has approved General Norstad's recommendations for Command arrangements, including the use of NATO communications facilities and the exercise of his command from SHAPE. It was observed that the use of NATO communications facilities would presumably have to be cleared with NAC and that this might run into political problems. The U.S. Element expressed some apprehension at the possibility that the SGN might become involved in the Live Oak operation.

7. Berlin Contingency Planning. ISA reported that the Armed Forces Policy Council had been briefed that morning on Berlin Contingency Planning and had had no problems with it.

8. French

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8. French Fleet Withdrawal. In response to my query, Col. Huglin said that General Gelee had refused to agree to the message proposed last week asking General Norstad when he would report to the SCN on the French fleet withdrawal. Col. Huglin surmised that General Gelee did not want to bring any pressure to bear on General Norstad in this regard since this might interfere with a favorable resolution of the question from the French point of view.

9. 144 (b) Agreements. I said that the 144 (b) Agreements with Germany, The Netherlands, and Turkey were supposed to have been presented to Congress that day.

10. Danish Developments. I described the exchange of messages regarding the Danish Conservative Party's request for public release of the communications between General Norstad and the Danish MOD on the Danish defense program. I also mentioned Foreign Minister Krag's proposed statement to Khrushchev on nuclear warheads for Denmark and stated that we were not yet clear whether this represented a change in Danish policy. We considered that it was important, in view of the great sensitivity of the Danes on this subject, to allow the change, if one was taking place, to develop without any prodding from outside which might have the effect of scaring the Danes off. I also described USRO's comments on Krag's distinction between "offensive" and "defensive" nuclear capable weapons and said that we agreed generally with the USRO proposals and expected to instruct the Embassy in the near future to raise these points with Krag.

11. Second-Generation IREB's. I said that I had been informed that Mr. Shuff had heard, during his visit to Paris on the Hawk program, that the Germans were so pleased with the successful developments on Hawk that they had decided to rejoin the Second Generation IREB Working Group.

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